## Networks In Schools: Children as Publishers and Community Leaders

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## Yesterday: Computers in Schools

- Logo and Turtles
- CDROM/VideoDisk
- Channel 1
- We don't want Interactive-- we want bidirectional!

### **Today: Network Books**

- Network Books: Gopher/WWW/WAIS
- Scholastic Online
- Encyclopaedia Britannica Online
- Wall St Journal/ New York Times
- Government printing office
- AppleSearch/Adobe Acrobat for Schools

## Where it is going:

- Network Publishers: Payment systems, Authoring tools
- Distributed Editors: Navigation through the Muck
- Digital Libraries: Integrated Human Librarians

#### **Teachers as Publishers**

- Shared Curriculum Materials
- Home Schooling
- Continuing Education

#### Children as Publishers

- Pen Pals/remote collaboration
- Allow every child to publish!
- Network Essays

# Tomorrow: Children as Community Leaders

- Habitat (1982)
- Virtual Museum (MIT)
- Sega vs. Computers

#### Conclusion

- Networks can change the nature of Schooling
- Every can and must participate

